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NCAA INVESTIGATIONS

U of L: Players 'did little wrong'

University hopes to protect 2013 national title

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With the hopes of saving its 2013 national championship, the University of Louisville is arguing that the NCAA strayed from its own playbook with an "excessive" punishment against players "who did little wrong" in the Katina Powell case.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions in June ruled Louisville must vacate as many as 123 wins, including its 2012 Final Four appearance and 2013 national championship, and repay what could be millions of dollars in shared NCAA Tournament revenue.

The decision, which Louisville's appeal is arguing ignored precedent by calling for "unfair" penalties, stemmed from a book featuring accounts by Powell, a self-proclaimed escort queen. She claimed that former director of basketball operations Andre McGee paid strippers to have sex with Louisville players and recruits, resulting in a wide-ranging investigation that uncovered multiple violations of NCAA rules.

Louisville's latest reply to the Committee on Infractions, obtained by Courier Journal through a public records request, is a key step in the NCAA's

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Johnson's lawyer has $13K tax bill

McAdam billed the city over removal trial work

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Attorney Thomas McAdam billed the city for more than $15,500 during former Councilman Dan Johnson's sexual harassment scandal while he still owed Louisville Metro Government a growing amount in back taxes.

Jefferson Circuit Court records show the Metro Revenue Commission, which is responsible for collecting the city's local levies, is suing McAdam in order to recoup roughly $13,380 in unpaid occupational taxes.

The delinquent taxes are so serious that Jefferson County Attorney Mike O'Connell's office is advising that the city withhold McAdam's fees from the Johnson removal trial until the case is resolved, according to a Nov. 20 letter addressed to Metro Council members obtained by Courier Journal through a

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Bloomberg pitches in

Following the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg set out to provide quick emergency assistance in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where his business partner has a home.

But now a team of five Bloomberg aides has embedded itself with the territory's governor and local officials and is providing guidance on restoring electricity and securing additional federal relief money.

Bloomberg's team also helped set up a donation site, usvirecovery.org, that had raised more than $7 million through the end of last week.

Bloomberg officials estimate they have spent about $5 million on the recovery, through Bloomberg's philanthropic arm.

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